T&C homemakers meet

The Town and Country Homemakers Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. in the extension office meeting room.

Each member is asked to bring a covered dish for lunch.

New members are welcome, regardless of race, religion, age, sex or handicap.

Homemakers slate luncheon

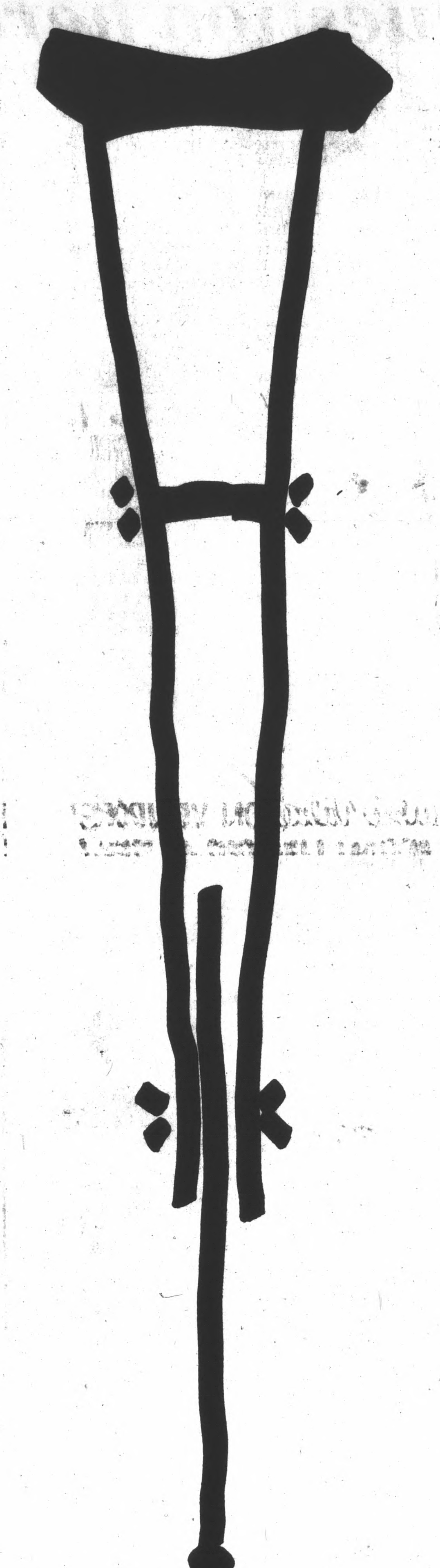
The Appomattox Homemakers Club will meet at Helen Gunter's home Sept. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Each member is requested to bring a memento of sentimental value to show and tell. There will be a covered dish luncheon after the meeting.

Locals attend workshop

Jeanette Drinkard, Carolyn Thompson, Pattie Booker, Patsy Thomas, Mary Turner, Sheila Webb, Linda Doby and Peggie Simpson of the Appomattox Junior Women's Club, Inc. attended the Alice Kyle District Workshop held in Concord, Va. on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9 til 2 o'clock.

Hostesses for this workshop were the Con-Terra Women's Club. The theme for this workshop was, "Good Hands, Good Head, Good Job." A lot of information was given to us to use in helping us to better serve our community.



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Elder is teen pageant contestant

Cherie Elder

Cherie Elder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Elder of Buckingham, and a freshman at Lynchburg College, will be one of fifty teenaged girls representing each state in the Union, who will be competing in the Miss Teen of America Pageant, Sept. 28 - Oct. 7, in Duluth, Minnesota.

Each of the fifty states will be represented as outstanding teenage girls between the ages of 14 and 18 compete for the title of Miss Teen of America and over $20,000 in prizes awarded to the national winner, including $15,000 scholarship to the school of her choice. National candidates are selected if preliminary state pageants or in statewide at-large competitions. Miss Teen of Virginia, Cherie Elder won the title over 81 contestants in Charlottesville on August 11.

In the Miss Teen of America Scholarship and Recognition Pageant, candidates are judged on the basis of service and achievement to school and community, personal development, general awareness as determined by a written test, scholastic achievements, judge's interview, and poise and personality projection in formal wear.

While in attendance at the national pageant the candidates will be involved in a variety of activities including historic tours of Duluth, luncheons with prominent business and civic leaders, a fashion show, educational visits to local schools, as well as production number rehearsals and preliminary competition events.

The Official Charity of the Miss Teen of America Pageant is the March of Dimes and it is hoped that $40,000 can be raised for the March of Dimes through scheduled charity activities.

Miss Teen of Virginia graduated Magna Cum Laude from Prince Edward Academy in Farmville where she was in the National Honor Society and the National Forensic League through which she gained national and state recognition.

Cherie served as senior class president, student body vice-president, and two-year captain of the varsity basketball team. She was chosen as a delegate to the Governor's Model General Assembly and was selected by her class twice for the homecoming court. Miss Elder has received numerous leadership awards including the Danforth, I DARE YOU Award, the Century III Award, and the Charles W. Glenn Leadership Award. Miss Teen of Virginia received $1,000 for winning the state pageant. She is currently applying this scholarship to Lynchburg College where she is also receiving a Merit Award.

Cherie has done volunteer work for the March of Dimes, the Association of Retarded Citizens, the nursing home, and the Tri-County Workshop.

For her personal development presentation, Miss Elder will be performing a musical dramatization to "Sam, You Made the Pants Too Long."

Mrs. Jon Kelly Paul

Baldwin, Paul are wed

The marriage of Miss Donna Gail Baldwin to Jon Kelly Paul took place Sept. 7, 1984 at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg. The Rev. Aaron Murrphy officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Miss Kathy Parsons of Lynchburg was the bride's only attendant.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leon Baldwin of Pamplin. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Paul of Lynchburg.

The bride is a 1982 graduate of Appomattox County High School and attended Central Virginia Community College. She is presently employed at Liberty Baptist College and will begin classes there in January of next year.

The groom is a 1981 graduate of Brookville High School and is employed at Liberty Baptist College.

The couple will reside in Lynchburg.

Colemans announce birth

Warren and Judi Coleman of Richmond proudly announce the birth of their son, Jonathan Kyle on Aug. 6, 1984. Kyle weighed six pounds and twelve ounces at birth.

Grandparents are Kyle and Roberta Coleman of Appomattox and Bryan and Faye Spear of Evington.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Robertson of Appomattox and Mr. and Mrs. Newbert Spear of Milo, Maine.

Ransons announce birth

H. W. and Lorraine Ranson of Appomattox are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brandon Scott, born on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 1984 at 3:37 p.m. at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Brandon weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Omar Moore, Sr. of Gladstone.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Winston Ranson of Appomattox.

Brandon was welcomed home by his two brothers, "J.D.", age 9 and Brian, age 4.

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On choosing microwave - convection ovens

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
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Microwave - Convection Ovens combine the speed and efficiency of microwave cooking with the browning and crisping qualities of convection ovens. As with many appliances, not all are alike and a consumer should examine the many aspects of these ovens before making a buying decision.

Microwave - Convection ovens have been improved over the last ten years and they allow a person to cook with microwaves or convection. A simple definition of convection is circulating hot air. These ovens also allow a combination of convection and microwaving at the same time.

These ovens have both power levels and temperature settings. Some will heat up to 450 degrees F., while others will heat no higher than 300 degrees F. Convection allows food to be cooked at lower oven settings than normally used for conventional cooking. Some foods cook faster than in conventional ovens unless quantities are large. Microwave - convection cooking may be slower than microwave cooking.

Combination ovens may either cook by alternating back and forth between microwave cooking and convection cooking during the cooking process or by cooking first with one mode and then switching to the other.

Some brand ovens have temperature probes which allow the user to check the internal temperature of foods. These probes may even shut off the oven when the desired internal food temperature is reached.

Before purchasing a microwave - convection oven, one may wish to attend a demonstration of the oven. It is a different mode and method of cooking and a consumer needs to be familiar with the performance and various features of each brand of oven on the market.

It is also smart to examine the internal cavity of each oven to make sure that it is large enough to cook the larger items you anticipate baking or preparing.

Consumers should also note that while microwave - convection ovens look very much like microwave ovens, they are larger and require substantial counter space. These ovens may also be bought as a part of a free-standing range.

Energy savings are possible with microwave - convection ovens, but some may use even more energy than their conventional counterparts. It is smart to ask, check and double check to see if you are getting an energy guzzler.

In recent research conducted at Virginia Tech, the microwave - convection oven generally cooked foods with less energy and less time than the conventional range oven. There were some foods, however, for which the microwave - convection oven required more energy to cook. The energy savings with the microwave - convection ovens was the greatest in broiling, while the time savings was greater in roasting.

Most microwave - convection combination ovens cost more than microwave ovens and may cost as much as both a microwave and a countertop convection oven combined. Be sure to compare costs among different models and then weigh choices carefully. You will also note that the prices of these ovens have been reduced by supply and demand. The predicted market for these will see a continued drop in prices over the next several years.

Shop wisely, shop carefully and ask many questions before purchasing a microwave - convection combination oven. They are helpful; they are useful, but be sure they fit your needs of your family. Also, be sure that you select an energy saver model.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24552.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Lena's Pear Honey

1 gal. pears, peeled and crushed (These can be crushed in a food chopper or blender)
4 large oranges (wash thoroughly, juice and seed and then chop rind in food chopper or blender)
4 cans crushed pineapple (15-1/4 oz. cans)

Mix all fruits well. Measure 1 cup fruit mixture to 1 cup sugar. Cook over low to medium heat, stirring frequently. This must be done to keep pear honey from scorching.

Cook until syrup is the color and consistency of light honey. Seal in sterilized jars. You may add paraffin if you wish. This pear honey will keep for two years.

Note: This is a favorite of Mrs. Lena Eversole's. If you have ever eaten any of her pear honey, your mouth will water as you use this recipe. This pear honey is delicious on hot buttered biscuits or toast for breakfast. It is equally as good drizzled over a scoop of vanilla ice cream as a dessert.

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